and Sumatra having Tamil Culture, the Anthropological Survey of India has initiated studies based on DNA Polymorphisms which will throw light on the ancient migration.

The Anthropological Survey of India will also be holding an International Conference on "Identity, Cultural Pluralism and Syncretism" at New Delhi from 27th February to 1st March, 2006 with a view to highlighting the cultural richness of South Asian Countries.

Construction of new museums

2734. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided assistance to the State Governments for construction of new museums under the Centrally sponsored schemes;

(b) if so, the funds provided to Gujarat during the last three years; and

(c) the number of schemes for which these funds were provided alongwith the details of the progress of the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) During the year 2003-04 an amount of Rs. 499.00 lakhs was provided to the State Govt. of Nagaland for setting up of 2nd World War Museum in Kohima under the North-East Pool Fund of the Ministry, as partial assistance.

(b) No funds have been provided to Gujarat during the last three years for construction of new museums.

(c) Does not arise.

Development of world famous sites

2735. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision for development of the world famous sites in the country;